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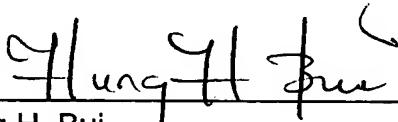
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 and 37 CFR §1.55, Applicants hereby
claim the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-128481,
filed in Japan on April 27, 2000.

A certified copy of the above-referred-to Japanese Patent Application was
filed on April 26, 2001 in prior application Serial No. 09/842,000, filed April 26, 2001.

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